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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated February 13, 2004, applicants hereby resubmit the "Amendments to the Claims" section of Amendment B, which was filed January 16, 2004.